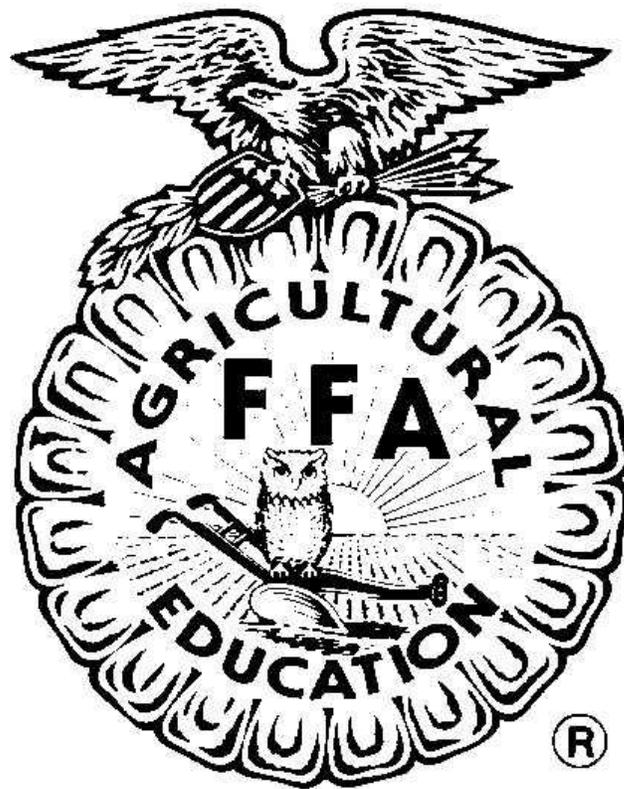


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**May 22-24, 2012**



## Session I

Alec McAlarnen, 2011-2012 State FFA President, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 State Staff, and 484 members, advisors, and guests present.

#### Welcome to Rutgers University

Dr. Mark Robson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the college.

#### Greetings from the NJDA

New Jersey's Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas Fisher, brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

#### FFA Jacket Presentation

46 New Jersey FFA members were presented with new FFA Jackets. The jackets were funded through the "Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Jacket Program, a special project of the New Jersey FFA Foundation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

<b>Allentown:</b>	Jay Hyland	Thomas Viviano
<b>Biotechnology:</b>	Rebecca Barresi Joyce Lee Gianna Tempera	Lakshmi Iyengar Ananya Sureshkumar
<b>Buena Regional:</b>	Drew Puelo	
<b>Cape May Tech:</b>	Brandon Alloway Joe Bravo Johanna DeFeo Nate Horvath Summer Jones Leeza Roberto	Siani Aspenberg Eric Breder Jeanette Gray Sydne Hunter Quinn Overcash
<b>Cumberland Regional:</b>	Andrew Wolbert	
<b>Delsea Regional:</b>	Joe Del Giorno	
<b>Essex County:</b>	Caitlin Cartagena Natalie Ramos	Nathania Hector
<b>Freehold:</b>	Marie Boyle Emily Karr Brenda Reyes	Stephanie Hood Maria Martinez

<b>Middlesex-East Brunswick:</b>	Ashley Galati Samantha Meyer	Amanda Linke Morgan Montgomery
<b>Middlesex-Piscataway:</b>	Katelyn Boscia Alana Kegel	Lorena Cruz Liz Molina
<b>Monmouth County:</b>	Chris Muzer	
<b>North Warren:</b>	Jack Butrymowicz Matthew Conk	Abby Casey
<b>Northern Burlington:</b>	Sean Hamner	
<b>Penns Grove:</b>	Kendal Morgan	
<b>South Hunterdon:</b>	Mitchell Haug	
<b>Union County:</b>	Kristen Schafer	
<b>Warren Hills:</b>	Stacey Giordano	

**Keynote Address**

Grant Baldwin presented his speech, “Being a Difference Maker.”

**Introduction of NJ State FFA Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee**

Alec McAlarnen described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process and Stephanie Tarlwoe introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:

Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown	Alexander Sansone, Phillipsburg
Stuart Faunce, Allentown	Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
David Watts, Penns Grove	Rhiannon Bruynell, Salem County Vo. Tech
Adult Coordinator – Mrs. Rebecca Lambert	
Executive Committee Representative – Eric Nelson	

State Officer Candidates were invited to come to the stage and introduce themselves. The candidates were:

- Ernest C. Arians, Ocean County
- Kyle H. Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech
- Alex M. Feltwater, Newton
- Lauren A. Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
- Joseph D. Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington
- Delaney M. Gray, Freehold
- Muriel M. Haney, Salem County Vo. Tech
- Jonathan R. Heater, Newton
- Gaspar Hernandez IV, Newton
- Stephen Milo, Freehold
- Erin Mulrooney, Phillipsburg
- Anne M. Poinsett, Northern Burlington
- Kelsey Anne Weigand, Phillipsburg

### **New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

Mr. Chris Nnadi, NJ State FFA Alumni President, addressed the convention on behalf of the NJ FFA Alumni. Two FFA Alumni WLC Scholarships were presented this year thanks to a donation by past State FFA Officer Alison Keggan. Scholarship winners were:

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Stuart Faunce, Allentown

The results of the FFA Quiz Bowl were:

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Cumberland Regional

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Middlesex-East Brunswick

### **State FFA Scholarships**

The following scholarship winners were announced. Scholarships were made possible through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship** – Eric Nelson, Newton; Jeffrey Neyhart, Biotechnology; and Katrina Nicoletta, Cape May Tech

**Harry Schnieber Honorary Scholarship** – Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – Casey DeStasio, Freehold

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Sarah Turner, North Warren

**Warren Hills Ag Education Scholarship & Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship**– Jenny Allen, Warren Hills

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship & Charles Evans Peterson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** – Mackenzie Tierney, Union County

**Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship, David Seely Memorial Scholarship** – Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

**C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship** – Kelsey Rinehart, Phillipsburg

**Stephen Tucker Scholarship** – Molly Sternal, Union County

**William G. Smith Scholarship** – Jared Colon, Freehold

**Roszel Scholarship & Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship** – Sarah Hamner, Northern Burlington

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship & William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship** – Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

**The Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship** – Rachel Layton, Woodstown

**May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship** – James Ferguson III, Cape May Tech

**The Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship** – Lindsay Kornberger, Belvidere

**Bilinski Senior Award** – Levi Gibbs, Hackettstown

**Harold Heinz Memorial Scholarship** – Narissa Richie, Middlesex-Piscataway

**Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship** – Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon; Ernest Arians, Ocean County; Erin Eckenroad, Penns Grove; James Ferguson III, Cape May Tech; Douglas Gomez, Union County; Tiauna Marie Griffin, Essex County; Ashley Lemoncelli, Newton; and Stephen Milo, Freehold

**Delaware Valley College Scholarship** – Anna Lubas, Allentown

**National FFA Convention Scholarship** – Jennifer Bucko, Northern Burlington

**National FFA Scholarships**

**\$1,000 Archer Daniels Midland Company Scholarship** – Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon

**\$1,000 NAPA Auto Parts Scholarship** – Shelly Grinshpun, Biotechnology

**\$1,000 Dean Foods Company Scholarship** – Muriel Haney, Salem County Vo. Tech

**\$1,000 Ford National Scholarship** – Jeffrey Neyhart, Biotechnology

**\$8,000 ConAgra Foods Scholarship** – Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

**Greetings from the National FFA Organization**

National FFA Western Region Vice President Seth Pratt brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

**Retiring Address: James Ferguson III**

James Ferguson III gave his retiring address entitled “...In Being Happy Myself” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them certificates of appreciation.

**Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Ms. Keely Weinberger, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Erin Eckenroad, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the roles and responsibilities of these individuals.

**State Convention Rules**

The State Officers played a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

**Closing Ceremonies**

**Session II**

Ernest Arians, 2011-2012 State FFA Reporter, presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 491 members, advisors, and guests present.

## **2011-2012 New Jersey Member of the Month/Member of the Year Awards**

The Member of the Month recipients for 2011-2012 were honored

*May:* Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

*June:* Muriel Haney, Salem County Vo. Tech

*September:* Stephen Milo, Freehold

*October:* Jennifer Ludwig, Penns Grove

*November:* Catrena Clair, Penns Grove

*December:* Mary Watts, Penns Grove

*January:* Erin Eckenroad, Penns Grove

*February:* Kelsey Weigand, Phillipsburg

*March:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

*April:* Alex Feltwater, Newton

The 2012 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to **Alex Feltwater** of the **Newton FFA Chapter**.

## **Greetings from the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources**

Ms. Monique Purcell, Director of the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture brought greetings to the convention.

## **Official Ceremonies Event Award**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Buena Regional

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Freehold

The 1<sup>st</sup> place Official Ceremonies team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

## **Landscape Design Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Brianna Besso, Freehold

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Scott Jordan, Somerset County

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* David Modrowsky, Somerset County

## **Retiring Address: Samuel Rubinstein**

Samuel Rubinstein gave his retiring address entitled "Best Day Ever" and presented his parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

## **Art Competition Awards**

Fine Art Division:

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Dana Gould, Cumberland Regional

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Jessica Turner, Warren Hills

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Alexander Sansone, Phillipsburg

Photography Division:

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Lauren Golba, Freehold

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Nichole Wright, Allentown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Jessie Hickey, Allentown

## **Agriscience Fair Recognition**

The following individuals will submit their written projects in a pre-qualifier for the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention in October:

### **Animal Systems**

*Division II* – Ananya Sureshkumar, Biotechnology

*Division IV* – Joyce Lee and Lindsey Sniffen, Biotechnology

### **Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems**

*Division I* – Joseph Maggiore, Biotechnology

*Division II* – Akhil Chakravarti, Biotechnology

*Division IV* – Alyssa Cendagorta and Bhavani Taramangalam, Biotechnology

### **Food Products and Processing Systems**

*Division II* – Kevin Kenneally, Biotechnology

*Division IV* – Donna Kwon and William Wang, Biotechnology

### **Plant Systems**

*Division II* – Rebecca Barresi, Biotechnology

*Division III* – Connor O'Leary and Patrick Rogers, Biotechnology

*Division IV* – Lakshmi Iyengar and Michelle Zhao, Biotechnology

### **Power, Structural, and Processing Systems**

*Division II* – Kevin Trigani, Biotechnology

*Division IV* – Daniel Greenberg and Gianna Tempera, Biotechnology

### **Social Systems**

*Division II* – Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology

*Division IV* – Daisy Hoagland and Emily Moschowits, Biotechnology

### **New Jersey FFA Foundation Report**

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, addressed the convention on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

### **FFA Essay Events Awards**

*Division II Winner:* Paige Hickman, Cumberland Regional

*Division III Winner:* Narissa Richie, Middlesex-Piscataway

### **FFA Week Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Essex County

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Allentown

### **Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition**

*Horticulture Division:* Raymond Kelly, Middlesex-East Brunswick

*Fresh Division:* Deirdre Sabo, Bankbridge Regional

*Permanent Division:* Kimberly Roach, Freehold

*Adult Division:* Kate Stickney, BCIT-Medford

### **Retiring Address: Gillian Armstrong**

Gillian Armstrong gave her retiring address entitled “Food for Thought” and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

### **8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition**

**Gold Ranking:** BCIT Westampton  
Buena Regional  
Freehold  
Middlesex-Piscataway  
Monmouth County  
North Warren  
Northern Burlington  
Penns Grove

**Silver Ranking:** Allentown  
Union County

**Bronze Ranking:** Middlesex-East Brunswick  
Ocean County

### **Outstanding Community Service Award**

Congratulations to the **Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter** for receiving this year's Outstanding Community Service Award.

### **Statewide Community Service Project**

The "New Jersey FFA Against Hunger" campaign was initiated to support hunger relief efforts. Wristbands saying "NJ FFA Against Hunger" were sold for \$1 each to support New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger and raised \$2,000. The State Association also collected 758 nonperishable food items to donate to Rutgers Against Hunger. Ms. Kristina Guttadora brought greetings on behalf of Farmers Against Hunger, and Dr. Larry Katz spoke on behalf of Rutgers Against Hunger. The following participating chapters were recognized onstage:

**Allentown**  
**BCIT-Medford**  
**BCIT Westampton**  
**Buena Regional**  
**Cape May Tech**  
**Freehold**  
**Middlesex-East Brunswick**  
**Middlesex-Piscataway**  
**Monmouth County**  
**Northern Burlington**  
**Ocean County**  
**Penns Grove**  
**Sussex Tech**  
**Union County**  
**Warren Hills**

The chapters who collected the most food items for Rutgers Against Hunger were presented gift cards to the National FFA Store.

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Middlesex-East Brunswick

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Buena Regional

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Monmouth County

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## 2012 Delegate Business Session

State President, Alec McAlarnen, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:05 pm. Mr. Randy Trivette served as the official Parliamentarian?

There were 58 delegates and 7 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 44 votes.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> NJ FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Alec McAlarnen, State FFA President.

**Motion by James Ferguson III of the State FFA Association** to approve the proceedings of the 82<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Jessica Tegano of the Allentown FFA chapter. Motion passed.**

The National FFA Constitution Proposal regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by James Ferguson III, State FFA Vice President.

**Motion by Jennifer Berry-Burkhart of the Ocean County FFA Chapter** to recommend that New Jersey's delegates vote "yes" on the National Proposal.

**Seconded by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

**Motion passed.**

The 2012-2013 Program Affiliation proposal was presented by Gillian Armstrong, State FFA Parliamentarian.

**Motion by Gillian Armstrong of the State FFA Association** to accept the Program Affiliation structure.

**Seconded by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Nyasia Ruiz of the Camden Tech East Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Michelle Moss of the Middlesex-Piscataway Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Dante Ricci of the Cumberland Regional Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- State FFA Vice President James Ferguson III spoke in favor of the motion.
- Nyasia Ruiz of the Camden Tech East Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- State FFA Advisor Mrs. Nancy Trivette provided information regarding the motion.

**Motion by Gabriella Oakley of the Freehold FFA Chapter to amend the main motion to change the membership number brackets rather than fee prices.**

**Seconded by Mitchell Haug of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter.**

Motion was withdrawn.

- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter suggested ten-person increments.
- Mrs. Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative, spoke in favor of the proposal.
- State FFA Parliamentarian Gillian Armstrong clarified for Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets
- State FFA Advisor Mrs. Nancy Trivette recommended to finish approving the proposal.
- Alex Clark asked to know the benefits of Affiliation, so State FFA President Alec McAlarnen read from the information packet.
- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.

**Jessica Tegano of the Allentown FFA Chapter moved the Previous Question.  
Seconded by Ernest Arians of the State FFA Association. Motion Passed.**

**Main Motion passed.**

**Alex Clark of the Newton FFA Chapter called for Division of the House. 39 in favor.  
Motion passed.**

**Motion by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to adjourn the  
83<sup>rd</sup> delegate business session.**

**Seconded by Charles Zielke of the Delsea Regional FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.**

### **Session III**

Stephanie Tarlowe, 2011-2012 State FFA Secretary, presided.

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

##### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 508 members, advisors, and guests present.

##### **Public Speaking Awards**

Mr. Tom Byrne, New Jersey Farm Bureau First Vice President, assisted with award presentations and brought greetings from the Farm Bureau.

###### **FFA Creed**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Emily Karr, Freehold

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Kyle Kasharian, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

###### **3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Steve Petrides, Biotechnology

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Sarah Aidukas, Allentown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

###### **6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Gabriella Medina, Freehold

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Justine Wolenski, Hackettstown

###### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Chris Chioffe, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Stuart Faunce, Allentown

##### **Agricultural Issues Forum Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* South Hunterdon

### **New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year**

Congratulations to **Mrs. Patricia Thorne** of the **Buena FFA Chapter** for being named the 2012 New Jersey Advisor of the Year.

### **Superior Teacher Recognition Program**

*Bronze:* Daniel Delcher, Sussex Tech  
*Silver:* Tiffany Morey, Essex County VTS  
Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle  
Bonnie Baldasare, Union County  
*Gold:* John Petronglo, BCIT-Westampton  
Patricia Thorne, Buena Regional  
John Neyhart, Monmouth County  
Jennifeur Wilson, North Warren  
Kim Ann Szulecki, Ocean County  
Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove

### **Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**

John Neyhart, President of the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators, brought greetings on behalf of the NJAAE.

### **Teach Agriculture Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Chelsea Errickson, Buena Regional  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Jennifer Bucko, Northern Burlington  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Kristen Stephenson, Freehold

### **Agriculture Awareness Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Penns Grove  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Middlesex-Piscataway

### **Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Penns Grove  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Northern Burlington  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Warren Hills

### **Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Allentown  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Buena Regional  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Camden Tech East

### **Hall of States Exhibit Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Salem County Vo. Tech

### **Retiring Address: Ernest Arians**

Ernest Arians gave his retiring address entitled "The Mountain Pass" and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

### **New Jersey FFA Treasurer of the Year Award**

The 2012 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Kristianne Dowd** from the **Freehold FFA Chapter**.

**New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award**

The 2012 New Jersey FFA Secretaries of the Year are **Kayla Windham and Lauren Fillebrown** from the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter**.

**Public Relations Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* BCIT-Westampton

**Video Public Relations Awards**

*Annual Report Category:* Allentown

*FFA Week Category:* Northern Burlington

**Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker**

**Lauren Fillebrown** of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter presented her speech, “Food for Thought.”

**Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award**

The Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award was presented to **Peter Dudek** of the **Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter**.

**H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition**

*Gold Rating:*

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Allentown            | Northern Burlington   |
| Cape May Tech        | Penns Grove           |
| Cumberland Regional  | Phillipsburg          |
| Freehold             | Salem County Vo. Tech |
| Middlesex-Piscataway | South Hunterdon       |
| Monmouth County      | Union County          |
| Newton               |                       |

*Silver Rating:*

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| BCIT-Medford             | North Warren               |
| BCIT-Westampton          | Northern Burlington Middle |
| Buena Regional           | Ocean County               |
| Essex County             | Warren Hills               |
| Hackettstown             | Woodstown                  |
| Middlesex-East Brunswick |                            |

*Bronze Rating:*

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Belvidere        | Somerset County        |
| Biotechnology    | South Hunterdon Middle |
| Camden Tech East | Sussex Tech            |

**Closing Ceremonies**

**CDE Session**

Gillian Armstrong, 2011-2012 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

Official Ceremonies were presented by the first place official ceremonies team from the Allentown FFA Chapter.

## **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 508 members, advisors, and guests present.

## **Out-of-State Career Development Event Awards**

### **Dairy Handlers**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Courtney Sodtalbers, North Warren

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Sarah Hamner, Northern Burlington

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Molly English, Woodstown

Medals

*Gold:* Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional

*Silver:* Courtney Sodtalbers, North Warren

*Bronze:* Sarah Hamner, Northern Burlington

### **Horse Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Molly English, Woodstown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Desiree Clark, Woodstown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Kyle Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Kylie Bobbit, Salem County Vo. Tech

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Katie Hall, Woodstown

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Shannon Wilson, Allentown

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Lindsey Foster, Salem County Vo. Tech

Medals

*Gold:* Desiree Clark, Woodstown

*Silver:* Kyle Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech

*Bronze:* Shannon Wilson, Allentown

**The first place team was the Woodstown FFA Chapter.**

### **Poultry Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Molly English, Woodstown

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Paulina Oleinik, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Remington Little, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Marissa Drombaski, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Katie Hall, Woodstown

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jared Nutt, Woodstown

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Nick Italiano, Woodstown

Medals

*Gold:* Molly English, Woodstown

*Gold:* Paulina Oleinik, Northern Burlington

*Silver:* Remington Little, Northern Burlington

*Bronze:* Marissa Drombaski, Northern Burlington

**The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

### **Talent Performance**

Danielle Horstmann from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter performed a lyrical dance to “Sorry.”

## Fall Career Development Event Awards

### Milk Quality and Products

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Alexa Beaumont, Belvidere
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Christine Casterline, Belvidere
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alex Feltwater, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Sarah Smith, Belvidere

#### Medals

- Gold:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown
- Silver:* Alexa Beaumont, Belvidere
- Bronze:* Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

**The first place team was the Belvidere FFA Chapter.**

### Fruits and Vegetables

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Tara Daly, Allentown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Sarah Aidukas, Allentown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Shawn Mechkowski, Monmouth County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Stephanie White, Monmouth County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Nichole Wright, Allentown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Brianna Besso, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Zak Botelho, Monmouth County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Lucinda Abbott, BCIT-Westampton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Milton Landes, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Brandi Meyers, Phillipsburg
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Harrah Newman, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Stephen Specca, Northern Burlington
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alexandra Wilson, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alyssa Cassidy, Newton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Olivia Crouse, Northern Burlington
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Erin Dearborn, Newton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Susan Wang, Hackettstown
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Brandy Weaver, BCIT-Westampton

#### Medals

- Gold:* Tara Daly, Allentown
- Silver:* Sarah Aidukas, Allentown
- Silver:* Shawn Mechkowski, Monmouth County
- Silver:* Stephanie White, Monmouth County
- Silver:* Nichole Wright, Allentown
- Bronze:* Brianna Besso, Freehold
- Bronze:* Zak Botelho, Monmouth County
- Bronze:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton

**The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.**

### **Land Judging**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* George Stillwell, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Stuart Faunce, Allentown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Shannon Thomas, Newton

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jessica Tegano, Allentown

Medals

*Gold:* George Stillwell, Allentown

*Silver:* Stuart Faunce, Allentown

*Bronze:* Shannon Thomas, Newton

**The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.**

### **Turf Management**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Tucker Ritchie, Monmouth County

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Frank Merrill, Somerset County

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Brandon VanPelt, Cumberland Regional

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

Medals

*Gold:* Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

*Silver:* Frank Merrill, Somerset County

*Bronze:* Matthew DeChristino, Monmouth County

**The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

### **FFA Creed Presentation**

The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Emily Karr from the Freehold FFA Chapter.

## **Winter Career Development Event Awards**

### **Farm Business Management**

Medals

*Gold:* Hannah Mann, Salem County Vo. Tech

*Gold:* Ethan Muller, Newton

*Silver:* Shannon Thomas, Newton

*Bronze:* Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.**

### **Forestry**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Shannon Bley, Freehold

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Joey Sellitto, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Kyle Yost, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Jared Martz, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Robbie Passafaro, Newton

- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Sarah Hughes, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Gabriella Oakley, Freehold

Medals

- Gold:* Shannon Bley, Freehold
- Silver:* Kyle Yost, Newton
- Bronze:* Joey Sellitto, Newton

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter**

**Agronomy**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Jon Heater, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Mike Drislane, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Thomas Rinehart, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jeremy Henegan, Newton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Katelyn Hagggar, Freehold

Medals

- Gold:* Jon Heater, Newton
- Silver:* Mike Drislane, Newton
- Bronze:* Stephen Milo, Freehold

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter**

**Floral Design**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Krystina Mable, BCIT-Westampton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Jessica Buyers, BCIT-Westampton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jessica Tegano, Allentown
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Brandy Weaver, BCIT-Westampton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Zak Botelho, Middlesex-Piscataway
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

Medals

- Gold:* Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
- Silver:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- Bronze:* Dana Gould, Cumberland Regional

**The first place team was the BCIT-Westampton FFA Chapter.**

**Meat Evaluation and Technology**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Joey Cercone, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Shane Greco, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Alex Armstrong, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Josh Lemasson, Newton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Chris Chioffe, Phillipsburg

Medals

- Gold:* Joey Cercone, Newton
- Silver:* Shane Greco, Newton
- Bronze:* Josh Lemasson, Newton

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.**

## **Talent Performance**

Jackiie Driscoll from the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter sang “Colors of the Wind” from the movie “Pocahontas.”

## **Spring Career Development Event Awards**

### **Dairy Cattle**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon Middle
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Taylor Drummey, South Hunterdon Middle
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Nicole Werkheiser, Phillipsburg

Medals

- Gold:* Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon
- Silver:* Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
- Bronze:* Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon Middle
- Bronze:* Kaitlyn Robinson, Belvidere

**The first place team was the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter.**

### **Livestock Judging**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Josh Lemasson, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Chase Nelson, Woodstown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Joey Cercone, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Ally Hitchner, Woodstown
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown

Medals

- Gold:* Chase Nelson, Woodstown
- Silver:* Josh Lemasson, Newton
- Bronze:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown

**The first place team was the Woodstown FFA Chapter.**

### **Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Joey Cercone, Newton
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Drew Hitchner, Cumberland Regional
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Daniel Hutson, Northern Burlington
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Daniel Sudol, Allentown
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Cody Cassady, Salem County Vo. Tech
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Jacob Kolb, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Brandon VanPelt, Cumberland Regional
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Darl Westover, North Warren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Rhiannon Bruynell, Salem County Vo. Tech
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Michael Giambrone, North Warren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Jared Marty, Newton

- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Ben Shimp, Cumberland Regional
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* David Morowsky, Somerset County
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jessica Robinson, Northern Burlington
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Thomas Viviano, Allentown

Medals

- Gold:* Daniel Sudol, Allentown
- Silver:* Daniel Huston, Northern Burlington
- Bronze:* Michael Giambrone, North Warren

**The first place team was the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter.**

**Agricultural Sales**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Hashem Selim, Union County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Kyle Kumpel, Northern Burlington
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jackie Driskill, Middlesex-East Brunswick
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Chelsea Jones, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Medals

- Gold:* Hashem Selim, Union County
- Silver:* Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
- Bronze:* Jon Heater, Newton
- Bronze:* Sean Pruszkowski, Union County

**The first place team was the Union County FFA Chapter.**

**Environmental and Natural Resources**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Stephen Milo, Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Jared Colon, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Ryan Brewster, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Katelyn Hagggar, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Nicholas Allin, Warren Hills

Medals

- Gold:* Stephen Milo, Freehold
- Silver:* Jared Colon, Freehold
- Bronze:* Katelyn Hagggar, Freehold

**The first place team was the Freehold FFA Chapter.**

**Floriculture**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Brianna Qualls, Warren Hills
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Aimee Prendergast, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton

Medals

- Gold:* Aimee Prendergast, Freehold
- Silver:* Brianna Qualls, Warren Hills
- Bronze:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

**The first place team was Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

## Nursery and Landscape

### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* William Mullins, Cape May Tech
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Hope Cahill, Monmouth County
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Kimberly Roach, Freehold

### Medals

- Gold:* Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech
- Silver:* William Mullins, Cape May Tech
- Bronze:* Brendan Powers, Monmouth County

**The first place team was the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.**

## Veterinary Science

### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Amanda Thomson, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Lakshmi Iyengar, Biotechnology

### Medals

- Gold:* Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills
- Silver:* Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology
- Bronze:* Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford

**The first place team was the Biotechnology FFA Chapter.**

## National Event Sweepstakes Award

*Chapter:* Congratulations to the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 6<sup>th</sup> in Homesite Evaluation. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

*Individual:* Congratulations to **Bronson Lyon** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 171 individuals in Ag Mechanics.

## Closing Ceremonies

### Session IV

Samuel Rubinstein, 2011-2012 New Jersey State FFA Sentinel, presided.

## Opening Ceremonies

### Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 535 members, advisors, and guests present.

### **Seth Pratt's Keynote Address**

Seth Pratt, 2011-2012 National FFA Western Region Vice President, presented his keynote address, "Astound Yourself!"

### **Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Penns Grove

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Phillipsburg

### **American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**

New Jersey's American FFA Degree candidates were recognized as follows:

Kylie Smith, Cape May Tech

Samuel L. Rubinstein, Freehold

Margaret Castle, Newton

Amanda R. Kirchoff, Newton

Ashley Ann Lemoncelli, Newton

Tessa C. Masi, Newton

Harlene McMahon, Newton

Andrew W. Morris, Newton

Miranda Victoria Nunn, Newton

John Wlodarski III, Newton

Michael F. Willadsen, Penns Grove

Nathan Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

Jordan Weller, Phillipsburg

Mackenzie Lynn Tierney, Union County

Jennifer Anema, Warren Hills

### **Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education**

Mrs. Nancy Trivette, State Program Leader for Agricultural Education and State FFA Advisor, brought greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education.

### **Honorary State Degree Ceremony**

The following people were presented the New Jersey Honorary State FFA Degree:

**Mr. Joseph Alvarez** – Secretary, Cape May County Beach Plum Association

**Mr. Patrick Leary** – Director of Guidance, Allentown High School

**Mr. Jeffrey Lerner** – Teaching Supervisor and Next Principal, Union County Technical High School

**Ms. Rita Muzzarelli** – Owner/Operator, Muzzarelli Farms and Farm Markets

**Mr. Justin Noble** – New Jersey FFA Foundation Representative, New Jersey FFA Alumni Association

**Ms. Debbie Pribell** – Membership Benefit Coordinator, New Jersey Farm Bureau

**Ms. Vivian Quinn** – Event Assistant, Fruits and Vegetables Career Development Event

**Mrs. Amy Ricco** –Associate Professor/Program Coordinator, Ornamental Horticulture and Plant Science, Mercer County Community College

**Ms. Kate Valentine** – New Jersey Department of Education

**Mr. Grey Vanaman** – State Convention Assistant

### **Greetings from the National FFA Organization**

Dr. Dwight Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer of the National FFA Organization, brought greetings from the National FFA Organization.

### **Tractor Driving Event**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* James Asprocolas, Allentown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Joe Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Brandon Powers, Monmouth County
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Robert Porter, Cumberland Regional
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jerret Belcher, North Warren

Medals

- Gold:* James Asprocolas, Allentown
- Silver:* Joe Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington
- Bronze:* Brandon Powers, Monmouth County

### **Job Interview Event**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Katherine Herrman, Phillipsburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

### **Demonstration**

Individual Awards

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Morgan Schnorrbush, Phillipsburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Siani Aspenberg, Cape May Tech

Team Awards

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Cape May Tech
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Hackettstown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Monmouth County

### **Retiring Address: Stephanie Tarlowe**

Stephanie Tarlowe delivered her retiring address “Can I Get a Mulligan, Please?” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

### **Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association**

2011-2012 State FFA Reporter Ernest Arians and 2011-2012 State FFA President Alec McAlarnen presented the 2011-2012 Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association, highlighting events throughout the year.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## Session V

Gillian Armstrong, 2011-2012 State FFA Parliamentarian, and James Ferguson III, 2011-2012 State FFA Vice President, presided.

### Official Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 553 members, advisors, and guests present.

#### Reflections – “Our Keys”

The State Officers spoke about a word relating to leadership and reflected upon how it helps to “Unlock the Possibilities.”

#### Star Greenhand and Chapter Awards

**2011-2012 Star State Greenhand:** George Stillwell, Allentown

**2011-2012 Star State Chapter in Agricultural Placement:** Nina Earle, Warren Hills

#### Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education

Mrs. Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, brought greetings to the convention from the New Jersey Department of Education’s Office of Career and Technical Education.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### **Delegate Business Session II**

State President Alec McAlarnen presided and called Delegate Business Session II to order. Mr. Randy Trivette Served as the Parliamentarian.

There were 56 delegates and 8 Executive Board members present; a majority vote would require 33 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 43 votes.

- *Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation*  
**Motion by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *CDE Review and Evaluation*  
**Motion by Kyle Fisher from the Salem County Vo. Tech FFA Chapter** to accept the Career Development Event Review and Evaluation committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities*  
**Motion by Jennifer Berry-Burkhart from the Ocean County FFA Chapter** to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *State Leadership Activities*

**Motion by Gabriella Oakley from the Freehold FFA Chapter** to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**

- *State Convention Evaluation*

**Motion by Stefania Swider from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter** to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**

- *State Applications*

**Motion by Jessica Tegano from the Allentown FFA Chapter** to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**

- *Membership and Chapter Relations*

**Motion by Mitchell Haug from the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter** to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**

### **Superior Chapter Awards**

Belvidere  
Cape May Tech  
North Warren  
Northern Burlington  
Northern Burlington Middle  
Ocean County  
Union County

### **National Chapter Award**

*Gold:* Allentown – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Penns Grove – 1<sup>st</sup>  
*Silver:* BCIT-Westampton – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Newton  
*Bronze:* Buena Regional  
Essex County VTS Agriscience  
Freehold  
Phillipsburg

### **Most Improved Chapter**

Congratulations to the **Freehold FFA Chapter** for being named the 2012 Most Improved New Jersey FFA Chapter.

### **USDA-APHIS AgDiscovery Program**

Congratulations to Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter for being recommended for a summer internship in the 2012 AgDiscovery Program. Mr. Randy Cadet brought greetings from the program.

### **State Officer Advisor and Administrator Recognition**

*Alec McAlarnen, & James Ferguson*

Advisors – Mr. Hans Toft

Administrator – Mr. John Ord & Dr. Nancy Hudanich

*Stephanie Tarlowe*

Advisors – Ms. Marilyn Patterson  
Administrator – Mr. Earl C. Clymer III

*Ernest Arians*

Advisor – Mrs. Kim Szulecki  
Administrator – Mr. William Hoey

*Samuel Rubinstein*

Advisors – Mr. Brian Ducey, Mrs. Kristina Guttadora, Mrs. Jillian Wojtaszek  
Administrators – Ms. Elizabeth Higley

*Gillian Armstrong*

Advisor – Mrs. Nan Hamilton & Mr. Michael Hlubik

**Proficiency Awards**

**Agricultural Sales, Placement:** James N. Nardelli II, Cumberland Regional

**Best Dressed Chapter**

Congratulations to the **South Hunterdon FFA Chapter** for being the 2012 Best Dressed Chapter.

**Distinguished Service**

The State Distinguished Service awards were presented to Kube-Pak, Incorporated; the Cape May County Beach Plum Association; Hawk Pointe Golf Club; and CSX Transportation.

**Special Recognition**

Grey Vanaman  
Keely Weinberger  
Rebecca Lambert  
Krista Freed  
Leon Delcher  
Brienne Scholl

**Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**

For winning the Floral Design Career Development Event, members of the BCIT-Westampton FFA Chapter provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was presented for their efforts.

**Courtesy Corps Recognition**

Allentown:	Grayson Asprocolas, Kiana Harris, Jay Hyland, Kimran Simon, Hunter Tubbs
BCIT-Westampton:	Jessica Buyers
Buena Regional:	Tyler Luscko, Jay Noah Repko, John Reynolds, Zachary Snyder, Thomas West
Camden Penn Tech:	DeJesus Gage, Jontavia Jones
Camden Tech East:	LaShawn Coleman, Nyasia Ruiz
Cumberland Regional:	McKenna Stevens, Andrew Wolbert

Hackettstown:	Robert Kucharski
Middlesex-East Brunswick:	Chris Androvich, Corey Blake, Kyle Murphy
Middlesex-Piscataway:	Leslie Betsko, Stephen Mehes, Michelle Moss, Zac Motta
Monmouth County:	Matt DeChristino, Chris Muzer, Brendan Powers
North Warren:	Jerret Belcher, Kyle Crane, Keith Kitcher, Shane Peck, Dylan Suk
Ocean County:	Sean Benz, Kevin Montaner, Mark Piccoli
Penns Grove:	Kassandra Bryant, Erin Eckenroad, De'Amonte Holden, Trevor Mathias, Austin Miller, Mike Myers, Katie Willadsen

Congratulations to **Zac Motta** of the **Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter** for being named the 2012 Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member.

### **State Executive Board Recognition**

Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Sue Butch, and Mrs. Erin Noble presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques and the Executive Committee with certificates of appreciation for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

### **Talent Performance**

Casey DeStasio from the Freehold FFA Chapter sang “Set Fire to the Rain” by Adele.

### **Garden State Degree Ceremony**

Allentown:	Stuart T. Faunce
Buena Regional:	Jay N. Repko
Cape May Tech:	Anjeleen Christine Coppa Sara J. Ehrhardt Shavon Santa Mangold William Ward Mullins Jo-Lin Michelle Parker Christopher Ryan Pujols Carlie A. Schweibinz
Cumberland Regional:	Robert B. Porter
Freehold:	Jared C. Colon Delaney M. Gray Katelyn M. Hagggar Stephen Milo Brian C. Reyes
Middlesex-Piscataway:	Narissa Richie
Monmouth County:	Hope L. Cahill
Newton:	Alex M. Feltwater Shane M. Greco Jonathan R. Heater Gaspar Hernandez IV Jared W. Martz Kellie Rose Mokrzycki Ethan M. Muller Robert Passafaro Hailey N. Reczka Victoria A. Rieken Joseph L. Selitto Emily C. Ventura

North Warren:	Mike Giambrone
Northern Burlington:	Joseph D. Goodenough IV Gianna L. Grupp Sarah M. Hamner Anne M. Poinsett
Ocean County:	Jennifer A. Berry-Burkhart Dylan N. Hoffman
Penns Grove:	Adam C. Brant Catrena E. Clair Erin M. Eckenroad Daniel Garcia Justice S. Hines Jennifre E. Ludwig David P. Watts Mary E. Watts
Phillipsburg:	Lauren A. Fillebrown Alexander J. Sansone Morgan R. Schnorrbusch Kelsey Weigand Kayla M. Windham
Union County:	Jasmine K. Walker
Warren Hills:	Nina Earle William H. Segreaves

**Star State Awards**

**2011-2012 State Star in Agricultural Placement:** Joseph Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington  
**2011-2012 State Star in Agribusiness:** Jay Noah Repko, Buena Regional

**Retiring Address: Alec McAlarnen**

Alec McAlarnen delivered his retiring address “Go the Distance” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Kelly Gangel of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee:	Alec McAlarnen, James Ferguson III, Stephanie Tarlowe, Samuel Rubinstein, and Gillian Armstrong
State Parliamentarian:	Lauren Fillebrown
State Sentinel:	Joseph Goodenough IV
State Reporter:	Kyle Clement
State Treasurer:	Gaspar Hernandez IV
State Secretary:	Delaney Gray
State Vice President:	Anne Poinsett
State President:	Ernest Arians

**Motion by Kelly Gangel from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the Nominating Committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Catherine Cincotta from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the 2012-2013 slate of State Officers.

**Seconded by Hank Waddington of the Woodstown FFA Chapter. Motion passed.**

**Past State Office Power Point**

A Power Point was presented as a tribute to all the past state officers.

**Installation of 2012-2013 State Officers**

The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

**Convention in Review**

The 2012 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

**Passing of the Gavel**

2011-2012 State FFA President Alec McAlarnen, passed the gavel to 2012-2013 State FFA President Ernest Arians, who brought closing remarks.

**Closing Ceremonies**





## **Horticultural Exposition Committee**

Committee Report

May 23, 2012

### **Committee Members Present:**

Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

Taylor Drummey, South Hunterdon Middle

Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

Kristen Schafer, Union County

Miranda Oberly, Phillipsburg

Morgan Houser, Bankbridge Regional

Will Mullins, Cape May Tech

Anne Linke, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Charles Zielke, Delsea Regional

Gillian Armstrong, State FFA Parliamentarian

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss the Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE.

### **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- Eliminate Dried Delights
- Provide judges with measuring tapes
- Provide directions on campus and to workshops
- Provide clear itinerary to all advisors in advance through email
- Provide carts, tables, and boxes for arrival and take home of entries
- Clarify that fresh flowers should have water source separate from silk

Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington – Chairman

Miranda Oberly, Phillipsburg – Secretary

## **Constitution, By-Laws, and POA Committee**

Committee Report

May 23, 2012

### **Committee Members Present:**

Dante Ricci, Cumberland Regional

Tylena Simmonds, Essex County

Jennifer Berry-Burkhart, Ocean County

Miranda Gable, Northern Burlington Middle

Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

Ms. Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle (Advisor)

Kelly Polacek, North Warren

Peter Dudek, Middlesex-Piscataway

Aniko Smigelsky, Phillipsburg

Peyton Bond, South Hunterdon Middle

Alec McAlarnen, State FFA President

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities and make any suggestions necessary.

### **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- Updates "dues" to reflect the new Program Affiliation structure in the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities
- Evaluate "Section D" of the Program of Activities, Member Activities

Jennifer Berry-Burkhart, Ocean County – Chairman

Kelly Polacek, North Warren – Secretary

## State Convention Review Committee

Committee Report

May 23, 2012

### Committee Members Present:

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon

Rebecca Cruets, North Warren

Deirdre Sabo, Bankbridge Regional

Milissa Klemens, Union County

Stefania Swider, Hackettstown

Lindsay McNeill, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Brenda Haines, BCIT-Medford

Hanna Toft, New Jersey FFA Association

### Purpose of Meeting:

To make recommendations for improving State Convention.

### Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Incorporate more ice breakers so that everyone meets more people
- Split up key note speakers and speeches
- Provide more air circulation in the rooms
- Have a small intermission in the middle of the longest session to energize the audience
- Direct attention to the signature page in the back of the convention books and offer a prize to create more interest

Stefania Swider, Hackettstown – Chairman

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon – Secretary

## State Leadership Activities Committee

Committee Report

May 23, 2012

### Committee Members Present:

Gabriella Oakley, Freehold

Christina McCosker, Salem County Vo. Tech

Carlie Schweibinz, Cape May Tech

Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

Shawn Mechkowski, Monmouth County

James Ferguson III, State FFA Vice President

Dylan Hoffman, Ocean County

Kristiana Mohr, BCIT-West Vet

Jennifer Ludwig, Penns Grove

George Stillwell, Allentown

Ally Hitchner, Woodstown

Mr. Dale Cruzan, Allentown (Advisor)

### Purpose of Meeting:

To review state activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve these activities.

### Recommended Actions to be Taken

- 360 Curriculum – Use the 360 curriculum but make workshops more engaging
- Outstanding Leadership Award – Present two awards, one to a male and one to a female
- Create a larger 360 conference that includes all FFA members, not just chapter officers
- State FFA Officers should facilitate the 212 Conference
- Provide more time for the career fair at ALLD

Gabriella Oakley, Freehold – Chairman

Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington – Secretary

## State Applications Committee

Committee Report

May 23, 2012

### Committee Members Present:

Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton

Katie Hall, Woodstown

Katelyn Boscia, Middlesex-Piscataway

Sarah Hughes, Freehold

Stephanie Tarlowe, State FFA Secretary

Alexandra Clark, Newton

Jessica Tegano, Allentown

Nina Earle, Warren Hills

Vincent Petruzzi, Buena Regional

Mr. Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove (Advisor)

### Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications.

### Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Advisor of the Year – Remove student enrollment and change the number of students involved to be percentage of members involved for each application and event
- Courtesy Corps – Accept the proposed application, but clarify that CDE participation is for scheduling purposes only
- Star State Greenhand and Chapter – Add an essay
- WLC Scholarship – Review further for state officer eligibility
- Outstanding Community Service Award – Continue showing winning powerpoints
- Find a way for only "active" members to receive state awards

Jessica Tegano, Allentown – Chairman

Alexandra Clark, Newton – Secretary

## Membership and Chapter Relations Committee

Committee Report

May 23, 2012

### Committee Members Present:

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

Michelle Tubertini, BCIT-Medford

Macey Miller, Camden Penn Tech

Mike Quertucci, Sussex Tech

Stephen Milosh, Delsea Regional

John Houghton, Buena Regional

Heilem Moore, Camden Penn Tech

Ernest Arians, State FFA Reporter

### Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the effectiveness of Program Affiliation as well as recruitment and communication ideas.

### Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Continue Program Affiliation for the 2012-2013 year due to increased membership
- A State Officer video chat/Youtube account should be created to allow additional interaction between State Officers and FFA members; this will supplement, not replace, chapter visits

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon – Chairman

Michelle Tubertini, BCIT-Medford – Secretary

## **CDE Review and Evaluation Committee**

Committee Report

May 23, 2012

### **Committee Members Present:**

Shannon Thomas, Newton

Robin Garber, BCIT-West Vet

Nathania Hector, Essex County

Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional

Andy Snyder, Somerset County

Ms. Tiffany Morey, Essex County (Advisor)

Natasha Langfritz, Warren Hills

Austin Gibbs, Hackettstown

Kyle Fisher, Salem County Vo. Tech

Olivia Crouse, Northern Burlington Middle

Samuel Rubinstein, State FFA Sentinel

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review and suggest changes to CDEs for improvement and to discuss future CDEs.

### **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- Turf Management and Nursery Landscape – Display ID list during the events as a poster or have separate sheets for each category
- Floriculture – Give more time for ID
- Online CDEs – Chapters must pass with a 75% score to compete at National Convention
- Milk Quality and Products – Judges must specify to swish and spit out rather than drink the milk
- Fruits and Vegetables – Provide clearer instructions at class judging table
- Send a CDE Interest Inventory to all chapters
- Create preliminaries for CDEs with large team numbers

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